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Most successful KCC Spring Party ever

Over two hundred attend

A record \$9,200 was raised at the Kensington Community Council fund-raiser, held in the Community Center, on March 18, where more than two hundred people celebrated. The many donated items varied from artwork, jewelry, pottery, children's books, and cases of wine, to a year's worth of bread. The money generated by the party supports KCC projects such as the Kensington After School Project, Summer Camp, adult and youth classes, and this newspaper. During the event, KCC president Ted Blanckenburg announced that the KCC was offering a matching grant of \$15,000 to help raise money for the construction of bathrooms in the park.

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See page 3 for photographs of the event.



Kensington neighbors Amy Kurzer, Betsy Quale, Diane Egelston, Laura Lavorando, and Jennifer Wright make the quilt for the Spring Carnival raffle.

Annual Hilltop Spring Carnival

Wildcat Mountain quilt along with goods and services donated by local merchants included in raffle tickets

The Kensington Hilltop School PTA and Dads' Club will again host the school's Annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. "We are very excited about our first carnival at the newly renovated school grounds," said Dads' Club co-president Paul Normington. "The new school provides a great backdrop to this tremendous fund-raising event, which supports the Hilltop educational programs."

The carnival will include games, a great selection of prizes, a superb lunch cooked by Dads' Club chefs, treats from the bake sale, and a visit from the Kensington Police and Fire Departments. Revenue generated by the fund-raiser will provide much-needed school and classroom supplies.

Once again a beautiful quilt will be raffled at the carnival. This year's quilt, titled Wildcat Mountain, was designed and crafted by Diane Egelston and friends in Kensington. "We always have a lot of fun

putting the whole project together," said Diane. The quilters take the quilt through the classrooms at Hilltop, and the students always have lots of questions. The Wildcat Mountain quilt will be on display toward the end of April at the Kensington Library. Last year the quilt raffle raised \$5,500.

Other prizes from local merchants will also be raffled. Prizes and food have been underwritten by Ruth Frassetto and The Grubb Company. Prudential Realtors of El Cerrito donated the raffle tickets, which are available from Hilltop students. Prizes will be given to the students who sell the most. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for a book of 12. For questions or to purchase tickets, contact Amy Kurzer-Ogul at 524-6314. For carnival details, contact Alison Roberts (PTA) alisonroberts@aol.com or Walt Gill (Dads' Club) wwgill335@comcast.net.

This is the second year that Diane has been in charge of organizing the quilt project. As her children are graduating from Hilltop, she and the PTA are looking for a careful, experienced quilt-maker to take charge of next year's quilt. Also, any Kensington residents who are experienced in quilting are encouraged to participate.

Armed robberies in Kensington

Police urge residents to be extra vigilant

Two armed robberies in Kensington over the past few weeks, along with similar crimes in El Cerrito and Berkeley, have put the police on high alert. The victims were residents returning home between 4:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. who were followed by two men in a car. As they were pulling up in front of their homes, they were confronted by an armed man demanding money and valuables. The first robbery in Kensington happened on Purdue in February, and the next on Windsor on March 18.

The suspects are described as two 18-to-20-year-old African American males, 5' 7" to 6' tall, between 170 and 200 lbs. The car used in Kensington was an older model sedan, either cream or green, which appeared to have been lowered and was said to be loud.

The Kensington police have asked everyone to be extra vigilant when driving in the area. Report suspicious people you see driving around. If you think you are being followed, use your cell phone to call 911, or drive to the police station on Arlington, pull up outside the door, and blow your horn. Do not drive home.

The police are working extra duties until the criminals are apprehended. This situation is an anomaly in this area and should be cleared up in the near future. If you have any questions or information about this investigation, please call the police station anytime at 526-4141.

KCC teachers get CPR training



Teacher Tati Argue braces the neck of Kim Roots, while El Cerrito fire fighter Tom McCullagh demonstrates first aid techniques.

To make sure that the Kensington Community Council teaching staff is prepared for emergencies, all the people involved with the KCC programs have been trained in first aid. Tom McCullagh from the El Cerrito Fire Department recently spent two days bringing everyone up to speed on the latest in first aid, covering adult and child emergencies.



Officer Keith Barrow is congratulated by Chief Barry Garfield after his graduation from the Police Academy. Barrow previously acted as a reserve officer in Kensington for several years.

KMAC Ordinance one-year review

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council is the first stop for Kensington residents wishing to improve their homes. Over a year ago, an ordinance was passed that laid out guidelines to address design and neighborhood issues.

At the February meeting, the council and public discussed the effectiveness of the Ordinance and the review process. Most comments were positive and supportive. There is still a need for better public education of the permit procedure in Kensington and at the county offices. An explanatory booklet describing this process would help residents become

better informed before starting to apply for permits. It is now a year since the Ordinance was implemented, and the booklet has yet to be started. One couple spent eight days and \$3,000 obtaining permits to bring a handrail up to code by raising it a couple of inches. The planning department blamed the Ordinance as the reason for the bureaucratic cost.

The process can be frustrating for all applicants. Involving neighbors early on in the process is a good idea, but not necessarily a solution. The Ordinance is online at www.aboutkensington.com/kmac_ordinances.html.

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- \$150—Ruth Frassetto
- \$100—Anonymous
- \$50—Frederick Cannon and Jean Mitchell
Peter Strykers, MD
- \$25—Elaine Emery

LETTERS

Universal Waste

Editor—We have reached the ultimate of absurdity. Do you actually expect me, or anyone else, to drive to Richmond each time after changing a #10 hearing aid battery? It's time for the Police and Community Services District to make arrangements with Bayview Refuse to handle this waste disposal problem.

Recyclables are picked up 48 weeks out of 52. Once annually there is the general junk pick-up. That leaves three weeks for guess what? Universal waste. I further suggest that Bayview provide special recognizable containers, similar to the hypodermic needle receptacles issued by health service providers, clearly labeled "Batteries only."

Driving to Richmond to dispose of a couple of flashlight batteries makes neither economic nor environmental sense.

Gilbert G. Bendix

Editor's note: This law, DTSC Control Number R-97-08, was written to help preserve our environment by limiting toxic waste in landfills. Many are now collecting their batteries and other items for a visit to the disposal site once or twice a year. It would be a nice gesture to offer to dispose of items from elderly or infirm neighbors when you go. Because the community has to pay for each visit, it's good not to go too often. Barry Garfield, general manager of the Kensington Community Service District, informed the Outlook that due to the liabilities involved, it is not feasible to have public, local collection points.

Bus schedule changes

AC Transit has slightly modified the bus services for Kensington residents. The 7 now makes an extra early-morning northbound trip. The H bus has a modified route that takes it along Hopkins St. and Gilman St., to and from I-80, and a new eastbound bus from San Francisco at 3:40 p.m. Westbound trips from Barrett St. and San Pablo Ave. leave every 20 minutes between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Eastbound trips from San Francisco leave every 20 minutes between 4:10 p.m. and 7:10 p.m., with one last trip at 8:15 p.m. The schedules for the 15, 67, and 21 routes remain unchanged. Further information can be found at <http://1url.org/go/1kenbus>.

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Surprisingly, many parents do not follow these good driving habits (and laws) when dropping off their children. Not doing so can make getting to and from school dangerous. Parents have repeatedly been asked to follow these guidelines, and yet every day risky situations happen.

Also, please heed the advice of Bo Nolan, who is there to help keep everyone safe.

Please follow these few simple rules:

- Remember, the yellow zone is for quick loading and unloading.
- Use your handbrake when parking.
- Park when you let kids off; don't just stop in the middle of the road. Let your children out on the curb side of the road only.
- Keep kids on the sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Drive slowly when arriving and leaving.
- Don't park on the crosswalk.
- Don't park in handicap zones.
- Don't ever back up around children.
- When possible, park and walk with your children.

OBITUARIES

Social activist and sculptor Eva Brecher dies at 91

Eva Brecher, 91, died peacefully of natural causes at her home in Kensington, on March 3. Eva was born in 1914 in Prague, where she studied at the German University. In 1935 she moved to Chile and married Theo Buchwald, a Viennese conductor. In 1939 they moved to Peru when Buchwald became conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Peru.

In 1959 Eva moved to the United States and, following her divorce, married George Brecher, a physician-scientist working at the National Institutes of Health. They moved to Kensington in 1966 when George was appointed chair of the UCSF Department of Laboratory Medicine.

Eva was admired and loved for her intelligence, her interests in politics and the arts, and her commitment to progressive social issues. Later in life



she took up sculpture. Eva was a longtime volunteer for the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, where she held several executive posts and was active in the Scrip fund-raising program.

George Brecher died in 2004. Eva is survived by her children, Monica Sullivan of

Kensington; Manuel Buchwald, Miguel Buchwald, and Claudio Buchwald; stepdaughter Eva Baker; grandchildren Peter and Elly Sullivan (graduates of Hilltop School and El Cerrito High School). The family thanks Eva's caregivers and Pathways Hospice for their loving attention and effective care. Donations can be made in Eva Brecher's name to the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, 1414 University Ave., Suite D, Berkeley, CA 94702. A memorial in Eva's honor will be held at a future date.

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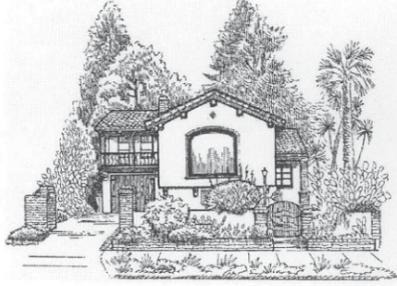


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Neighborhood Notes

Movie Nights

Last month the Kensington Dads' Club ran a movie night at Hilltop School. More than 100 kids enjoyed a viewing of *Shrek* and had fun playing games. The club will resume the movies in the fall, when it gets dark earlier.

Serve on Grand Jury

If you would like to serve on the Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury, you should apply before the end of April. The Grand Jury serves for one year. Applicants should expect to spend at least 20 hours a week on Grand Jury business, from this July through June of next year. Nineteen citizens will be selected. Applications can be obtained at www.cc-courts.org/grandjury/grandjury.htm#applications or at the Court House in Martinez.

Looking for musicians

The East Bay Youth Band (EBYB), an ensemble for woodwind, brass, and percussionists in grades 6 through 9, is accepting applications for the 2006-07 season, which begins in the fall. Rehearsals are held on Monday nights from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at Piedmont Middle School. A complete schedule can be viewed online at www.ebyb.org. Young musicians who play the clarinet, flute, bass clarinet, alto, tenor or baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, tuba, bassoon, and percussion instruments are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are available for those that qualify. EBYB is a nonprofit program of the Young Performing Artist Alliance.

Host an exchange student

The International Student Exchange Programs are seeking local families to host 15-to-18-year-old girls and boys from many countries around the world. These young people speak in English, will attend a local high school, are fully insured, and have their own spending money. All students are well screened by ASSE International. 800-799-2773.

Town hall meeting



The annual town hall-style meeting of the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA) will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Center. The KPOA is a nonprofit education and advocacy group focused on Kensington property issues. As always, the meeting is open to the public. The agenda includes a discussion of undergrounding electrical wires, the new Universal Waste law, the Stege Sanitary District sewer district certification, and a discussion of the dangers of unregistered solicitors. There will be presentations by supervisor John Gioia and Kensington

Community Service District general manager Barry Garfield. For more information, call Gail Feldman at 559-8232.

Sign up now!

Already crafting that killer resume? Add KCC Summer Day Camp counselor to your list of accomplishments. Kensington Community Council is looking for a few new counselors to add to their fun group, and it's a great summer job. If you are responsible, active, nurturing, adventurous, and are a graduating senior or older, please apply now. For an application, call the KCC office at 525-0292 or find details and application instructions at www.aboutkensington.com/community.html.

Calling all high school seniors

Graduating high school students who live in Kensington can still be included in the annual photograph of graduates that will be taken on May 7 at the Community Center. Contact Nancy Tooms at 527-0530 or Michelle Hellerstein at 524-2466 for details.

Arts exhibits volunteer needed

The Kensington Library is seeking a community member to fill a special volunteer position—the coordinator of art exhibits for the library. The coordinator of exhibits provides an important service to users of the library, as the artwork adds much-needed beauty to the building. Exhibits are hung for two months, and artists must be booked months ahead. Artists are lined up through 2007.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Liz Ruhland, Kensington Branch librarian, at 524-3043.

The new coordinator will replace Gretchen Gillfillan, who is stepping down after 43 years as the coordinator. Gretchen served on the original Friends of the Kensington Library board, which was



responsible for the establishment of a County Library Service Area. She began hanging art for the library when it was still located in the Arlington Community Church.

In 2003 Gretchen was honored in Contra Costa College's Women's History Month Celebration. The award was for community advocacy.

She was also awarded county teacher of the year and the Bay Area Girl Scout Council's DAISY award for excellence. Gretchen was a teacher and researcher at UC Berkeley with the Elementary School Science Project. She retired from teaching in 1995. Since that time, she has been involved with the Kensington Park Advisory Committee and local zoning and building issues.

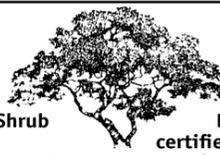
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To register for class

Call the office unless
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limits; those registering
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Tennis court reservations

Reservations are taken for
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Kensington Community Council Summer Day Camp

Located in the Kensington Park, June 12-August 16, for children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2006. The camp runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. For information, call the KCC office at 525-0292, or www.aboutkensington.com.

ADULT CLASSES

Acrylic Painting

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To register, call the KCC office at 525-0292
Fees for residents: \$12 for drop-in
\$40 for 1 class per week for 4 weeks
\$80 for 2 classes per week for 4 weeks
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At the Community Center

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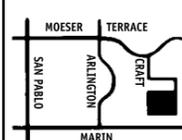


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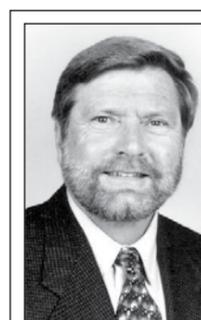
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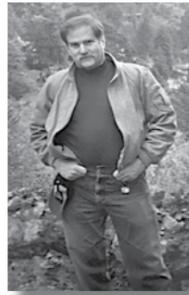
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Saturday, April 1

Kensington Fire Protection District Open House. Have fun, meet our firefighters and the Fire Clown, get your face painted, and see the fire engines up close. Refreshments, emergency preparedness and safety tips. 12-4 p.m., 217 Arlington Ave. 215-4450.

Sunday, April 2



El Cerrito Historical Society presents Berkeley historian Richard Schwartz talking about his book **Earthquake Exodus.** Refreshments. 2 p.m. El Cerrito Senior Center, 6510 Stockton Ave. (behind El Cerrito Library). 526-7507.

Celtic Style Music and Meditation Service, 7 p.m., Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

Monday, April 3

El Cerrito Library Family Story Time, Night Night! (Bedtime Stories), includes songs, finger-plays, and stories. 7-7:30 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Beginning Computer Classes for Adults. Topics based on students' needs can include: use of a mouse, basic Internet searching, using the library's catalog or databases, Microsoft Word, finding medical information online. Sign up at the library or call. Free. Limited to three students. 6-7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Tuesday, April 4

Berkeley Chamber Performances. Luna Nova String Quartet plays Dvorak, Bartok, Villa-Lobos, and others. 8 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. \$20. 525-5211.



Wednesday, April 5

Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposia. Come find out about your local creeks and streams. 7-9 p.m. Contra Costa College, Liberal Arts Building Room-100, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Free. Details at www.cocowaterweb.org.

Thursday, April 6

Lap-sit Story Time for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Events last about 20 minutes and include songs, bounces, games, finger-plays, and stories. No registration required. The El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.

Exploring Unitarian Universalist Theology. Led by Starr King and Sonya Sukalski. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, 525-0302.

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Friday, April 7

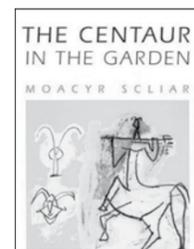
Mini Concert, Grizzly Peak String Band, Toe-Tapping Bluegrass Music. 8 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. \$15. Children under 16, \$2. 526-9146.

Kensington Community Council monthly meeting. 7 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 525-0292.

Saturday, April 8

Non-anesthetic teeth cleaning for cats and dogs. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$35 per pet. RabbitEars Pet Supply, 303 Arlington (behind Ace Hardware); 525-6155 for an appointment.

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature,



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The Centaur in the Garden. 2 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Sunday, April 9

Service of Palms with Shawn Thomas, 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Monday, April 10

Family Story Time, Funny Bunnies and Waddy Ducks. See April 3.

Beginning Computer Classes. See April 3.

Friends of the Kensington Library sponsor **After the Ruins, 1906-2006: San Francisco's Earthquake and Fire Remembered,** Kay Payne's (Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Docents Council) lecture and slide show. Includes photographs by Arnold Genthe and eyewitness accounts. 7 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.



Tuesday, April 11

Dads' Club meeting, 7-8 p.m. Kensington Hilltop School Multipurpose Room, 90 Highland Blvd.



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Kensington Education Foundation meeting, 8 p.m. Kensington Hilltop School Multipurpose Room, 90 Highland Blvd.

Wednesday, April 12

Kensington Fire Protection District meeting, 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 527-8395.

Thursday, April 13

Lap-sit Story Time. See April 6.

Exploring Prayer and Spiritual Practices for Unitarian Universalists led by Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway, 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. 525-0302.

Maundy Thursday Communion and Simple Meal, 7 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 526-9146.

Kensington Community Service District meeting, 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 526-4141.

Friday, April 14

Easter cookie decorating for kids. Arlington Bakery 4-6 p.m. 273 Arlington Ave., 528-2253.

Good Friday Meditation, Sanctuary open 3-5 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 526-9146.

Mozart's "Solemn Vespers" Community Concert, 7:30 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 526-9146.

Saturday, April 15

Lariat Larry. Children of all ages and their families are invited to laugh, listen, and marvel at this program of tall tales and rope tricks. National Library Week program sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. The El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Easter cookie decorating. See April 14.

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunrise Service 6 a.m. near the Youth Hut in Kensington, sponsored by the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 526-9146.

Monday, April 17

Family Story Time. *Hide & Seek, Lost & Found.* See April 3.

Beginning Computer Classes. See April 3.

Tuesday, April 18

Berkeley Garden Club presents a spring tea and floral design demonstration by Najat Nicola. 1 p.m. \$8, Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. 527-5641.

Thursday, April 20

Lap-sit Story Time. See April 6.

Exploring Unitarian Universalist Heritage and Tradition led by Rev. Cathleen Cox Burneo. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

Carole Terwilliger Meyers presents a slide show of her book *Weekend Adventures in San Francisco and Northern California.* 7 p.m. Free. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Friday, April 21

Mini Concert New Age Music with Carolyn Margrete at the piano. European classical forms and world folk music. 8 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, \$15. 526-9146.

Saturday, April 22

The Cal Chapter of the **American Rhododendron Society Annual Show and Sale,** 12-5 p.m. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. (on Lake Merritt) Oakland. Unusual plants on sale for fantastic prices. 223-0443.

Sunday, April 23

East Bay Youth Band and Young People's Chamber Orchestra 2006 Spring Concert. Music of fantasy, fun, and excitement. \$5 suggested donation. Valley Center for the Performing Arts at Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd, Oakland. 436-1000.

Monday, April 24

Family Story Time. *Vroom! (Things That Go),* See April 3.

Beginning Computer Classes. See April 3.

Kensington Library Book Club will discuss *Tortilla Curtain* by T. C. Boyle; 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.



Tuesday, April 25

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meeting, 7 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 273-9926.

Wednesday, April 26

Republican Women's Club will discuss civil liberties. Lunch, 12:30 p.m. \$15. Send check with reservations to Catherine Weeks, 317 Rugby Ave., Kensington, CA 94708. 524-5689. Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito.

Thursday, April 27

Lap-sit Story Time. See April 6.

Exploring World Religions. Led by Minister of Religious Education Rev. Christopher Craethnenn. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, 525-0302.

Saturday, April 29

Kensington Property Owner's Association (KPOA) annual meeting, 10 a.m. Kensington Community Center. 559-8232.

Sunday, April 30

Berkeley Hiking Club, Mini-hike—Inspiration Point in Tilden Park. 9 am. Meet at Nimitz Way Ridge trail head. 525-7503.

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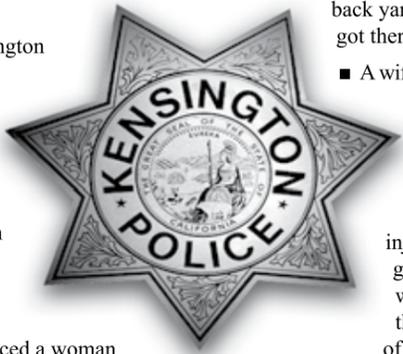
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From the case files of the KPD

This report is based on the police logs of the Kensington Police Department. The Outlook is solely responsible for the writing and editing of this report.

Events in February

- A resident of Kensington and another man were arrested for possession of cocaine after allowing police to search their car during a traffic stop on Arlington.
- A plumber working on a home on Wellesley Avenue noticed a woman walking off with his tools. When he stopped her, the woman jumped into a waiting car, which ran over the plumber's foot. The plumber managed to tear a wing mirror from the car as it sped off.
- A deer was reported stuck in a fence at the Unitarian Church, but it had made a clean escape before the police arrived.
- Someone stole a check before Christmas and used the bank information to fraudulently purchase other items.
- An apparent hit-and-run on Arlington Ave. left a Ford pickup truck with a broken tail-light.
- An unlicensed solicitor for a peace group argued with a member of Kensington's finest that a recent Supreme Court decision meant he did not need a permit. When the police officer suggested that he could argue the point with a local magistrate, he changed his tune.
- Graffiti artists painted "The Right Wingers" with an explicit insult against Kennsington (sic) on a Community Center wall. Perhaps they should have spent a little more time up the hill at the school.
- A resident called the police because she heard suspicious noises at her front door. Police found that the noises were made by the mail carrier delivering mail.
- Police and the firefighters attended to a house fire on Arlington Court. The fire was caused by the resident falling asleep while smoking in bed. There were no fire detectors in the house.
- Someone reported two suspicious men at her door who claimed they had come to work on her house. They had the wrong house number and were meant to work two houses away.
- After sending a solicitor away, a woman complained to police of finding a package on her front door step. Police found ice cream left for the homeowner by someone else.
- On two consecutive weekends, residents complained about construction noise on Arlington Ave. The workers agreed to stop when requested to do so.
- Someone on Edgcroft got a life-threatening message on their cell phone. The call-back number was blocked.
- Someone dialed 911 trying to get the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- A man came to the police station to make sure a restraining order was enforced against his son. A court had ordered the son to move out of his parent's house.
- A man found a bike and a skateboard in his back yard. He had no idea how they got there.
- A wife residing on Amherst Ave. complained about getting harassing calls from her husband's ex-wife, despite a restraining order.
- Someone reported an injured deer in their back garden. Apparently the injuries were not serious enough for the deer to await the arrival of the police, who found the garden deerless.
- The FBI asked Kensington police to check on a car at a house on Anson Way. It seems that suspects of a Vacaville credit union robbery had planned to share their ill-gotten gains at the home of the suspect's parents in Kensington. The local youth and an accomplice were later arrested in Hercules.
- Someone turned in to the police a bunch of CDs that were found on Willamette Ave. If they are yours and you can name the CDs, call Sargent Khan at the police station.
- A prowler was reported in the kitchen of a house on Columbia Ave. Police arrived to find fruit missing from the kitchen table and raccoon prints on the kitchen door.
- A driver suffering from the effects of excessive alcohol in her blood managed to navigate from her home on Eureka Ave. to El Cerrito before hitting other cars. The driver was arrested.
- A loose pitbull was reported in Kensington Park. When the police arrived, they found the dog friendly and not at all aggressive. The angry owner did not have a similar disposition.
- A man was reported to be hanging around a car in a carport. When police arrived they found a note asking if the owner wanted to sell the car.
- A cell phone was found on Cambridge Ave.
- A resident on Rugby Ave. phoned to ask the police to check to see if a coffee pot was left on. They were instructed to force an entry only if smoke was seen. No smoke was visible.
- Police received several 911 calls, each of which was cancelled. Investigation found a minor playing with the phone.
- A car on Kingston Rd. with a stolen date tag was impounded. (New tags piled up over previous year's tags are much easier to steal.)
- A petty thief stole CDs and \$5 in change from a car on Berkeley Park Blvd.
- A young woman drove her parents' car onto the Arlington Ave. median. It was extricated by an outstanding tow truck driver and her father.
- Someone tried to use the emergency phone outside the police/fire station, then ran away. The culprit was attending a party held by juveniles, where police found alcohol being consumed. The parents were woken up and asked to deal with the underage drinking and make sure the kids did not drive home.
- A man on Grizzly Peak reported a Smith and Wesson .45 gun missing. He had not seen the gun for some months.



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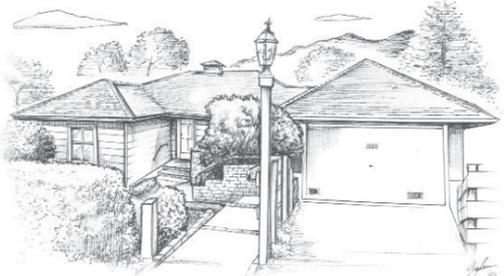
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